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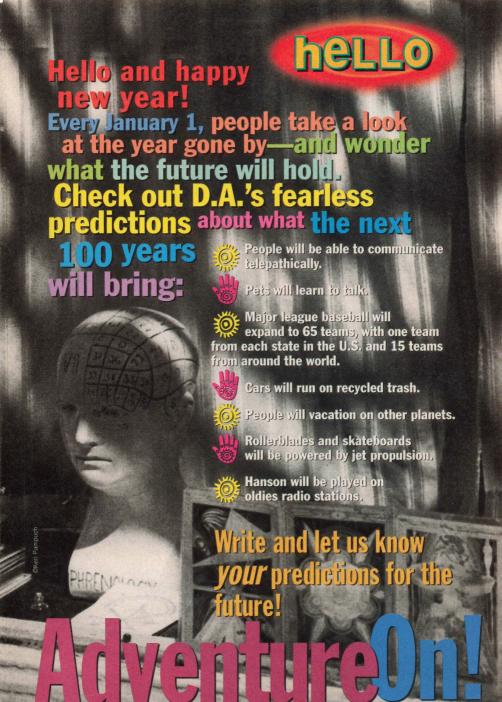
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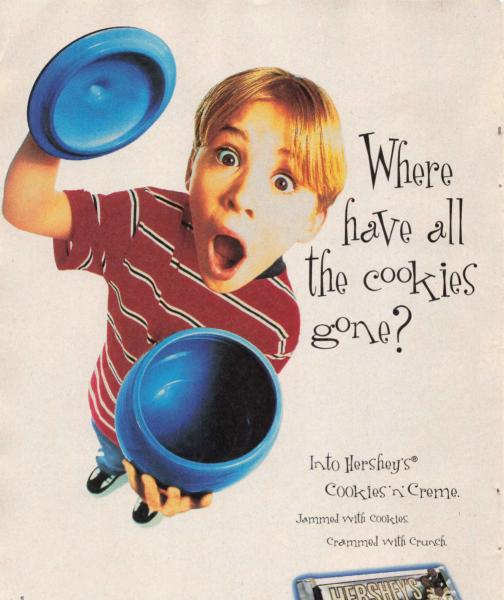


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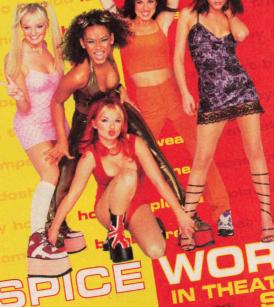
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Mailbox

Pigskin Pig-out

We asked readers what is the best snack to eat while watching football. Read on and munch out!

ff W hat an easy question! I think everybody agrees with me that nachos and cheese is the best food to eat."

Larry Walker II, 14 New Castle, Delaware

during a football game because it gives me energy."

McKenzie Strunk, 12 Bend, Oregon

throw at the TV when the other team scores, like popcorn or carrot sticks."

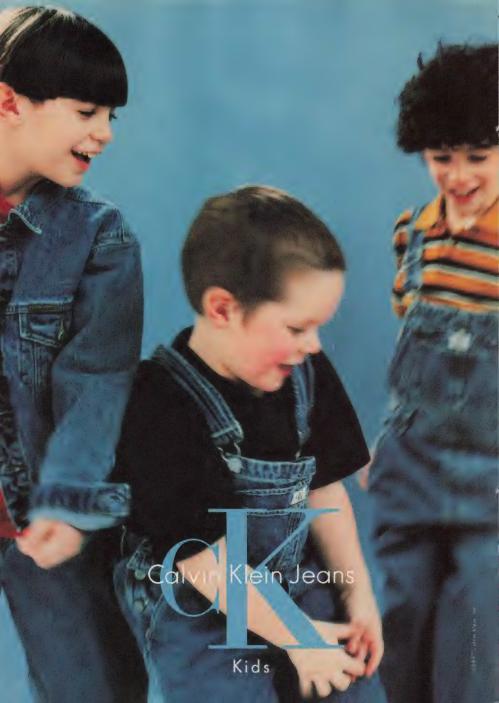
Brittany Boyles, 10 Rock Springs, Wyoming have junk food like potato chips and pop. You can't just sit down and watch the Super Bowl and eat vegetables."

Sarah Sutton, 11

Butler: Pennsylvania

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HOT LIST

Each month, a different class reports on what's in and out. This month's judging panel: Ms. Watson's fifth-grade homeroom class at **Warner Elementary School** in Wilmington, Delaware.

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Philadelphia Eagles Bell-bottoms Doom (CD-ROM) "Chillin" MOT

Tennessee Oilers Corduroy pants Oregon Trail (CD-ROM) "Cool"

New Speak

Revamp your vocab for the new year with this extra-long list of D.A. slang.

Blamestorming. Discussing why something went wrong. "You guys should quit blamestorming the referees and get ready for our next game."

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Elvis year. Popularity peak. "Last year was Alanis Morissette's Elvis year."

I don't make the fries. Used to express lack of influence on a situation. "Hey, I don't make the fries. If you want Dina to meet you at the movies, ask her yourself."

Irritainment. Something that's annoying but addictive. "Listening to

'Wannabe' is sheer irritainment—but Spice is my favorite album!"

Suitcase. A really boring person who doesn't keep up with the latest trends. "Check out the suitcase in the hot pink bell-bottoms!"

Tape the gerbil. To study hard. "Rachel spent the last two weeks in the library taping the gerbil for that science test."

What are you, new? How could you not have known that?

"When is New Year's? What are you, new? I can't even answer that."

Wordrobe. A

person's lingo. "Jimmy looks square, but he's a total skate rat—iust listen

to his wordrobe."

Real Teachers.
 Real Kids.
 Real Bad Excuses!

We polled tons of teachers for the funniest excuses they've ever heard from students who didn't do their homework. The classic "My dog ate my homework" flunks big time when compared with:

"I had to fly to the North Pole this morning with my uncle."



"My dad took it to work with him. He's an astronaut and he's in space."





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"I got a sunburn."

my homework fell in."



"I left my backpack in my neighbor's car. They'll be back next week."

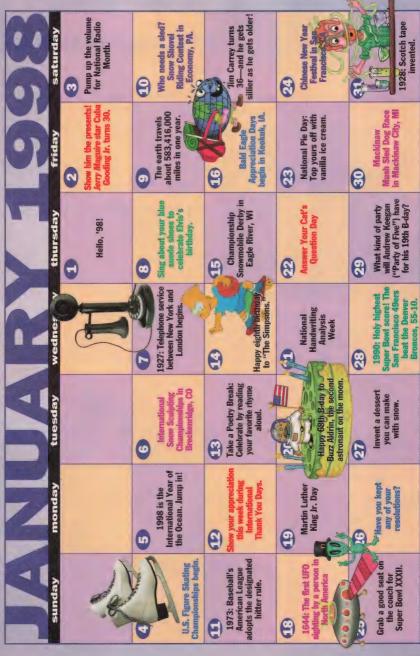
shook it out over the toilet,



"It's lost in cyberspace."

Happy Birthday to Everyone

In some countries, New Year's Day is "Everyman's Birthday," because a year is added to a person's age on January 1 instead of on the anniversary of each person's birth.





Wag Time



r. Magoo," the popular 1960s cartoon, has been made into a live-action movie featuring the bumbling, fumbling and stumbling Magoo (played by Leslie Nielsen, above).

Luckily, the king of klutzes has his trusty bulldog, Angus, to help see him through it all. Although four dogs played the part of Angus, Lily got her paws on the most screen time. Lily's trainer, Ray Beal, gave us a sneak peek into this pampered pooch's Hollywood life.

Kid Stuff: Most of the clothes used for the part of Angus were taken off the kids' rack and tailored to fit the bulldog—who has her own wardrobe person.

Closet Count: Lily has six different outfits: a bathrobe, a Hawaiian shirt, a formal tuxedo, a life vest, snow clothing and a safari getup.

Here's Lily doing her favorite activity in her favorite outfit. "Her favorite thing to do is hang out," Ray admits. "But she likes to work, too." **Color Me Brown:** To look like the other actor bulldogs, Lily needed a dye job. She was originally all white until the makeup people colored her ears brown and added a few brown spots to her body. "The dye takes about 45 minutes to apply and lasts six weeks," Ray says.

Oh Boy, It's a Girl: Angus is a male dog even though three of the four pooches playing the role are dog actresses.

Doggie Decor: Lily digs Angus's bedroom decor, including dalmatian bedsheets and curtains. Says Ray, "She's seen 101 Dalmatians a couple of times, and she's even friends with the stars, Pongo and Perdy."

--Craig Warner



OnTheScene

MTV Madness

Music's top stars were out in force for the 1997 MTV Video Music Awards, held once again at New York's Radio City Music Hall, Here's a look at the too cool attendees:



A Speech! Speech! No Doubt had to speak when they won **Best Group Video for "Don't** Speak."

Moon man overload! Beck was the night's big winner, taking home five awards, one for "Devil's Haircut" and four for "The New Pollution."







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Name Dropping

Gossip, Gossip, Gossip

Babe is back! When we last saw the little pig, he'd just

beat a bunch of dogs at the local sheepherding competition. Now, in the sequel. Babe in Metropolis



(currently filming in Sydney, Australia), Babe must use those skills to save the farm from bankruptcy. See, he accidentally causes a little accident that lands Farmer Hoggett (James Cromwell) in traction and unable to

work. So Mrs. Hoggett takes Babe overseas to demonstrate the pig's remarkable



talents in the big city....The Foo Fighters have confirmed that guitarist Pat Smear has left the group and Franz Stahl is replacing him. Stahl previously played with bandleader Dave Grohl in the group Scream....

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You know what they say, if the cyborsuit fits,- · go kick some alien butt. TARKIL

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Nicolas Cage, who is starring in Tim Burton's Superman, isn't doing any special training to play the Man of Steel.



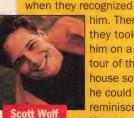
because this time the role will focus more on Superman's

Nicolas Cage outsider status

and less on his superhuman powers.... Scott Wolf ("Party of Five") told Rosie O'Donnell of a recent visit to his old New Jersey home. When he

knocked on the door.

the residents screamed



him. Then they took him on a tour of the house so he could reminisce. His old

bedroom, now occupied by a 16-year-old girl, had Scott Wolf posters all over the walls! How bizarre, how bizarre....

New Releases Coming This Month

In Theaters

For Richer or Poorer

Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley play an unhappily married rich couple who hide out in Amish country to avoid the taxman

In Video Stores

Air Bud A Simple Wish



Wild Guys

Brendan Fraser loves crazy characters. Here, he rates his three wackiest roles-Link, the defrosted cave dude in Encino Man; Chazz, the guitar-god wannabe in Airheads (right); and George in George of the Jungle.

Best dressed: "Chazz probably thinks he is-being cool is of the utmost importance to him." Smartest "Uh, I think they'd have to have a three-way arm-wrestling competition to figure that one out." Sest hair: "Let's just say they all have a lot of hair." Loudest: "George, by far." Best traveling bud: "George. He's an adventurous

dude. We'd go to the jungle, of course."



We've got 25 free copies of George of the Jungle to give away. To win, send your name, address, age and phone number (before January 26) to: George Giveaway/DISNEY ADVENTURES. 500 S. Buena Vista Street. Burbank, CA 91521-6163. (See rules on page 75.)

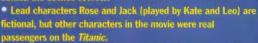
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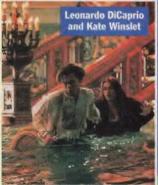
A hoy! The world's largest sunken ship rises to the big screen this month. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio (William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet) and Kate Winslet (Sense and

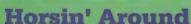
Sensibility), Titanic tells the story of the "unsinkable" ship that sank in 1912.

Titanic historian Don Lynch served as a consultant on the movie and shared these behind-the-scenes secrets:



- Sets built at the bottom of a 30-foot-deep tank were flooded with 5 million gallons of water. "Leo fooled everyone by saying he was afraid of water," Don laughs.
- The crew propped padded dummies along the deck railing so the actors wouldn't get burt during the sinking sequence.





The decen't ride one on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Weman," but Jessica Bournar (who plays medical student College Cooper) loves horses. In fact, this 17-year-old has sport the last few months learning to jump her horse, Sombre.

How long have you been horseback riding? "About four years. I took lessons in North Carolina before I started 'Dr. Quinn.' Now I ride on breaks and at my dad's ranch."

Who do you hang out with on the set?

"Mostly Chad Allen [Matthew]. We went to Starbucks once in our wardrobe—he had his fake gun; I wore my prairie dress—and people totally stared. The next day, I went back in costume again and the Starbucks guy says, 'Why are you dressed like that? I almost called the cops when I saw your friend's gun.' It was hysterical!"

Do you like doing medical procedures on the show? "They disgust me! The makeup people put fake blood on me—I don't know what it is, but it's sticky and takes forever to get off. I have redstained hands for a week."

-Kim Lockhart



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Holly Jolly Holiday Videos

The evil Grinch raids Whoville's Christmas trees, but he can't steal their holiday spirit!

A Christmas Story: This film's most important lesson? Never, ever lick a frozen metal pole!

In an attempt to take over the world, the Brain transforms himself into a doll that can manipulate minds.



Mouthin Off

"On occasion, I've taken the test that's been in the teen magazines about me-and I've failed. Isn't that scary?"

AskLiz

Dear Megan. Wow, you deserve a bag o' peanuts because you really know your elephants! The elephant Drop and George of the Jungle is named Tal and she weighs 8,000 pounds! Dinh Le, who starred with Tai in Operation Dumbo Drop. told D.A. that Tai can use her trunk to pick up a telephone, and she

Dear Melissa. Andrew, 18, doesn't have a fan club right now, but you can write to him c/o "Party of Five," Fox Broadcasting Company, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA, 90213. Andrew plays a high schoole*whom Claudia (Lacey Chabert) has a crush on this season on "Party of Five." Andrew's birthday is January 29, and he likes surfing. snowboarding and working on his cars.

Send your entertainment Street, Burbank, CA question, fill out the form Mouthin' Off: Harry Campbell Ask Liz: Robert Piersanti.

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ouble uh-oh! A wacko media overlord desperately wants to start World War III to boost his TV ratings. And only one man can stop him—James Bond.

The spy guy returns to the big screen for the 18th time in Tomorrow Never Dies. To prepare you for this movie mission, we found out from Agent 007 himself, Pierce Brosnan, what it's like to play Hollywood's greatest secret agent. We've also got the scoop on Bond's new super-sneaky spy toys and stunts. Ready to go undercover? Turn the page.

By Heidi MacDonald

as world-saving superspy James A Bond, actor Pierce Brosnan gets nearly as battered as the character he plaus. During the filming of Tomorrow Never Dies (opening December 19), he jumped off rooftops, dangled from ropes, and got six stitches in his lip! Here's more from the man of action.

What was the hardest stunt in Tomorrow Never Dies?

"Michelle Yeoh [Bond's latest beautiful sidekick] and I jump off a rooftop and rip through a huge 300-foot banner of the bad guy's face. We spent six days on the studio backlot being hoisted up 150 feet by wires attached to our arms and then being dropped down, hoisted up and dropped down. For six days!" What's the scariest thing

about stunts?

"Fire is always scary. Your heart rate always jumps up a notch or two. When you have explosions, you have to run before the [special effects] guys press the button. You hope

you've done your shoelaces. But the worst this time was when one of the stuntmen hit me and cut my lip open." Whoa! What

happened?

"The stuntman was this big lug of a guy. His head flew back during one scene. face. I could feel it, but we kept going at it. It's in

Did you have to go to the hospital?

"Yes, and the poor doctor was confronted by James Bond, three executives from the studio and an assistant, in a tiny waiting room. All the mobile

phones were going. People were calling back to the studio. I saw this poor doctor thinking, 'Oh, my day was going so well, and now the fate of James Bond is in my hands!" Are you afraid anything?

"Hypodermic needles scare the pants off me.

Agent Man

Michelle Yeoh looks like one of the toughest Bond girls ever.

"She's spectacular, very cool. She plays the Chinese counterpart to Bond, and Michelle is very good at handling herself. In the motorcycle scene, we're handcuffed together on the same bike, and we have to drive the bike over rooftops."

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

"I wanted to be an artist, policeman, cameraman or journalist. I never wanted to be an actor."

How did you get the acting bug?

"I was working at an art studio in South London and one day I went along with a friend to his theater club. It was just the most magical experience, and I went again and again. I'd go and learn dance, acrobatics and fireeating."

Fire-eating!

"Yes. When I was on 'Muppets Tonight' recently I did some fire-eating."

Do you think James Bond ever gets tired of saving the world?

"No. James Bond will always save the world. It's his duty."

I don't like needles, I don't like snakes, and I don't like rats."

What was your most embarrassing moment making this movie?

"I didn't have one.
I try not to have

moments. I avoid them."



OMIS

ames Bond wouldn't be nearly as spiffy silver-metallic BMW 750iL ha drives in Tomorrow Never Dies

By Kim Lockhart

Remote Control Phone

It's a phone and remote control device for 007's car. He uses it to drive the car and activate its special gizmos when he's not behind the wheel.

Rocket Launcher

Forget the sunroof! With the push of a button, 12-foot-long rockets fire from the area vou'd normally open to catch some rays.

Tire Poppers

Bond's bumper drops a bunch of four-sided spikes all over the road. What a sharp way to win a car chase!

Reinflating Tires

Like the world's greatest secret agent would drive a car that could possibly be stopped by a flat tire! We think not.



Bond-Aids

James Bond's car from Tomorrow Never Dies is only the latest in his long line of amazing accessories. Here's a look at some of 007's greatest spy toys from movies past.

Bell-Textron Jet Pack (Thunderball): This easy to slip on jet pack sends 007 flying through the air to escape the encoming bad guys. As Bond says, "No well-dressed man should be without one."

Little Nellle (You Only Live Twice): A miniature one-man helicopter that comes with machine guns, rocket launchers, smoke screen, flame throwers and aerial mines. This can all be broken down and shipped anywhere in the world in four big leather suitcases.

Lotus Esprit (The Spy Who Loved Me): When plunged into the water, this slick automobile becomes a submarine! It's equipped with harpoons, mines, a periscope and rocket launcher.

Magno-Watch (Live and Let Die): Pull the winding button of this classy timepiece and it emits a magnetic field strong enough to deflect a bullet. It takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'.

Exploiting Key Ring (The Living Daylights): Whistle and the key ring makes a beeping noise so that it's easy to find. But if you whistle a special song, it emits stun gas, Whistle another tune and it explores! That's the way to whistle while you work.

Pen Grenade (Goldeneye): Click if three times to activate an explosion in four seconds. To deactivate it, click it three more times. A pen like this is mightier than the sword, not to mention the door or a brick wall!

Bracelet Dart Launcher (Moontaker): One quick flip, and it fires an armor piercing dart. If you don't need to pierce armor, it comes with cyanide-coated darts as well.

Sale Cracker (On Her Majesty's Secret Service): It looks like a suitcase, but you won't find socks and underwear inside. Instead, there's a sensor that fits over the dial of any safe and quickly calculates every possible combination—including the right one!

— Jeff Witzke

The bad guys try to break into James Bond's hightech BMW, parked in an eight-story parking garage. Bond sees this and uses his mobile phoneactually a remote control device for his car-to bring the car to him. As the BMW approaches. Bond dives into the back seat, still "driving" with his phone. When Bond finds his exit blocked. he drives back into the garage, then dives out of the car undetected. He then uses his phone to send the BMW off the roof-at almost 70 miles an hour! The BMW lands on the ground, crashing

through the windows of a car rental office. The bad guys think Bond is a goner. but he's really safe inside the garage.

The Secrets

A seat was removed to make room for a stuntman, who drove the car while lying flat on his back to remain hidden. To see, the driver looked at three video screens set up to show images from tiny cameras mounted on the car. He was seat-belted down and surrounded by air bags for protection.

Vic's team constructed a three-story building (doubling for the parking garage) with a ramp

behind it that the driver used to build up enough speed to get airborne. Three layers of boxes were set up on the ground to cushion the car's landing. The car landed on the boxes, crushing them—and its front end before skidding into crates set up as a last line of defense to protect both the crew and their equipment, "We tried to save the car-which cost \$80,000—but that just "That's OK

because the chase great!"

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OH. NOOOO!

Another poor kid has been left home alone! But don't worry, he has lots of tricks up his sleeve. Home Alone 3 stars Alex D. Linz, 8 (last seen in One Fine Day), and twice as many bad guys-four-as Stuck home by himself because he's sick, Alex booby traps his entire house to prevent burglars from stealing a top-secret microchip hidden in his remote-

D.A. met Alex at his favorite L.A. restaurant, to chat and chew. Not only does Alex have the same name as his Home Alone character. they're alike in other ways.

Alex (Alex D. Linz. top) protects his turf. Meanwhile Jernigan (Lenny Von Dohlen, bottom) is slip sliding away.

ld of Alex D. Linz

Real-life Alex: Alex D. Linz

Pox or No Pox?

"I got the chicken pox when I was 2."

Animal Attraction "I have a cat, Jake. I had a Chinese fighter fish, but Jake ate him."

Scary Situations "My cousins and I were walking in my grandmother's attic when we fell through the floor and landed on my Aunt Jessica's bed! When I realized I was OK, I started laughing."

RC Racers

He wants a remote-controlled car—
the kind that goes really fast, like
75 mph—for Christmas. "Some of
my friends have them and we race
them through cones and tracks
we set up. It's really cool."

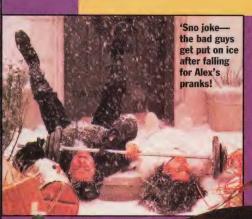
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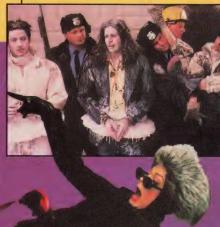
He gets the chicken pox, but his mom goes to work, so he's left home alone.

He owns a rat named Doris and an unnamed parrot.

The bad guys lift him up and plunk him down hard on a tool table with a bunch of saw blades behind him!

He owns a remote-controlled car that has a camcorder taped on top so he can see what's going on when he moves the car around.





How would you do if you were home alone facing four big bad burglars? Turn the page to find out!

Home Alone—The Game!
Think you're lucky enough to outsmart four robbers?

Play D.A.'s Home Alone 3 never-be-bored game to find out!

The Setup: You're home by yourself. Four burglars (Mr. Beaupre,

Supplies: Game pieces (M&Ms, pennies, micro action figures, etc.),

Directions: Roll the die to see who goes first. Keep taking turns





A one? Can't you do better than that? Roll again!

Unger gets electrocuted. Go ahead 4 spaces.

You've been outsmarted. You have to take the long way through the attic. Move to Unger space.

Alice slips Move

Unger slips on the marbles you've hidden under the welcome mat. Move ahead 1 space.

LOSE A TURN!

You remove the bottom of the dumbwaiter so when Alice gets in it, she falls down the shaft! You fix the dumbwaiter, then ride it to the Doris the rat space.

LOSE A

Oh. no! **Unger spotted the** marbles. Go back 1 space!



ROLL AGAIN.

Alice gets hit in the head with the floorboards vou've loosened. Go ahead 2 spaces.

Move an opponent back to Startwhoo hoo!

Jernigan sits on Jernieau strauped the booby trauped electrocuted. Go ahead

You just sat on your own boobytrapped chair! Move your electrocuted self back 7 spaces!







One house, one mouse and two dim-witted brothers make for lotsa laughs in Mouse Hunt. Say cheese!

Eeeek!

There's a mouse in the house! And he's not leaving, much to the dismay of Ernie and Lars Smuntz. In *Mouse Hunt*, the Smuntz brothers have inherited a rundown house—actually worth millions—but they can't sell it until they get rid of the mighty mouse. It's the battle of the decade—man versus mouse—for the rights to the house.

Risking life and limb, we visited the wrecked set of *Mouse Hunt*—the first movie to use live, trained mice—to find out how one little mouse could cause so much trouble.

Nathan Lane (voice of Timon in *The Lion King*) plays Ernie, Smuntz brother No. 1.

Have you ever been faced with a rebellious houseguest, like this mouse, in real life?

"No, I'm usually the rebellious houseguest. The mouse is not really rebellious, he's

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By Kim Lockhart and Liz Smith

en



sort of protecting his home.

And obviously the humor is

he's three inches long, yet he wreaks tremendous havoc

in our lives. He's adorable

close up, but he's quite a

dangerous figure."

Simo

Is it true 60 different mice play the mouse?

"Well, it depends on whether they've been left alone to multiply—there could be thousands! We have enough for an entire mouse film, and we even have mouse extras. The mice have been very nice, and very good about what they have to do."

How do the trainers make the mouse perform?

"If the mouse has to run somewhere, the animal trainers use a hair dryer to propel him out of his box. It's a little hair dryer, but to him it's like *Twister*. He's probably thinking, 'I didn't even

want to be in show business, and now they're scaring the heck out of me with a giant hair dryer.'"

Boone Narr, the head mouse trainer, said the mice were named after the crew. What is the Nathan mouse like?

"He's the most neurotic of all the mice. It takes a lot of coaxing to get him to act, but when he does, he's brilliant. And he's the one with a slight weight problem."

Do you consider yourself a cat person or a mouse person?

"I must say I've grown quite fond of the mice. If you saw one in your house, you would go, 'Ewwwww.' But I'm telling you, these mice are so sweet. They've been raised in Beverly Hills, so all they want to do is eat cheese and go shopping."

What's the grossest thing you've experienced making this movie?

"This movie is one humiliation after another. There's not a day that goes by where we have not been in mud or...you name it, we've been covered in it. There was an elaborate mixture of corn that was supposed to look like sewage...."

Was it cream corn?

"No, regular corn, like Niblets, and some sort of corn syrup. But it also had a grainy texture to it."

Why were you covered in corn?

"We had been chasing our nemesis, the mouse, with a vacuum cleaner. I shoved the hose into his mousehole to suck him into the vacuum cleaner. As he was about to be sucked in, he noticed a little sign on the wall: Septic Tank. He connected the hose to the tank, and the bag started filling up with

sewage behind us. We thought we had gotten him, and then it exploded!"

What's been the hardest part of making this movie?

"The physical stuff. This is the



closest I'm ever gonna get to an action film. I'm very happy that it was done well, but I never want to go through this again as long as I live. Don't even think about Mouse Hunt 2."

If they made an Ernie action figure, what would it do?

"Scream! That's all we do in the movie."

What do you think Timon would do in this situation?

"Oh. I think Timon would have killed the mouse very early on. He and Pumbaa are much smarter than the Smuntz brothers."





This sounds like a painful movie.

"Every day I had pains here and there 'cause I like to do the stunts. In one sequence, we bring home a bathtub and are taking it up the stairs when we see the mouse, which frightens us. We fall into the bathtub, shoot down the stairs, out the door, down the hill, off a ledge and onto an icy pond, where we sink through the ice. It was really good fun, but it hurt."

What was it like working with the mice?

"It was all right. They're trained very well. They've got about 12 of them."

Lee Evans (The Fifth Element) plays Lars, Smuntz brother No. 2.

We hear the Smuntz brothers beat up on each other a lot in this movie.

"Well. I tend to hit Nathan a lot more than he hits me. He plays an angry character and to make him more angry. I accidentally hit him on the head with a mallet, a broom, different parts of machinery, doors...everything, I haven't been hit once."

Nathan doesn't hit you at all?

"He tried to strangle me once, but that's about it. I hit him on the hand with this huge meat mallet. He went 'Yeow!' and grabbed me round the throat."

Twelve? They have 60 of them!

"Noooooo?! There were two when we started! They're very clever. There's one mouse that's trained to walk around mousetraps. For one scene, the stunt guys set a thousand traps and we were stuck in a corner behind the traps. The mouse comes out of his hole

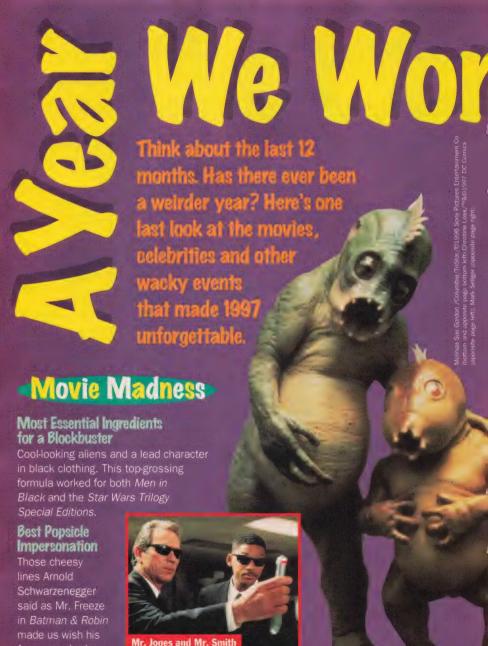
and just walks around all the traps. But we were stuck there all day!"

If you were a mo what would be the best food to bait you?

Lars and Ernie play

hide-and-peek.

"I like burgers and mil shakes—any chance get, I'll have one of those. That would get me outta my hole."



freeze gun had sealed his lips closed.



Most Painful Role

George, in George of the Jungle, had so many collisions-with trees. the ground, a boat, a streetlight, a cake-we completely lost count. Watch out for that ... Ouch!

Ugliest Alien

What do you get when you cross a big with a very tall Edgar (in human form), the Men in That squished-up extra skin around the neck was ob-sogrococcess.



Icky Edgar

George in the jungle

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David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson guest starred on "The giving fans a Sunday-night double dose of the weird and



Didia know the human head weighs eight pounds? Didja know that all snowflakes have six sides? Thanks, Jonathan, We'll toss out our encyclopedias now.

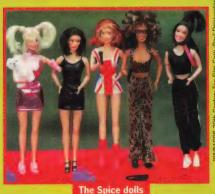


Roseanne as Dick's wife on "3rd Rock From the Sun." We couldn't tell her own show.

Wild Music

Most Flavorful

The Spice Girls added more than a pinch of something new to the music scene. In addition to their two albums, movie, book and commercial endorsement, Girl Power made its mark on dolls, chocolate bars, lollipops, bedsheets, watches, miniskirts and stationery. Will a cookbook be next?



Most Puffed-Up Ego

"I'll Be Missing You" and "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down" ruled the airwaves, charts and MTV, thanks to Sean "Puffy" Combs. Just ask him. "I'm the man," says Puffy.



Latest 411 on Band Names

Groups with numerical names added confusion to the music charts this year. Take a number: 98°, 702, 911, 112 and 311.

Most Bizarre Song

OMC's hit "How Bizarre" tells about two people on a road trip who get pulled over by a cop and then bump into a traveling circus at a gas station. But all we remember is the annoying chorus: "How bizarre, how bizarre, how bizarre,"

Weird News

Most Popular Pet

From Tamagotchis to Giga Pets, the air was filled with digital pests begging to be fed, cleaned, burped and walked. We could barely hear our cell phones over all that beeping!



Biggest Space Case

Collisions, leaks, blackouts and breakdowns-it seems like every

other week, another catastrophe occurred on the Mir Space Station.

Sneakiest Serbent

Japan's version of the Loch Ness

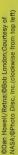
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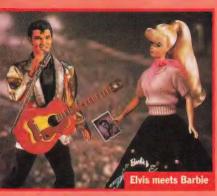
this summer. Since 1973, about 100 locals have reported seeing the eel-like monster.

Most Unusual Science Project

Scientists created a lamb using DNA from an adult sheep in a process called cloning. We still think it would be more fun to have a real twin.

Double vision





Most Desirable Date for The King

The Barbie Loves Elvis gift set (created to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Elvis's death) flew out of Graceland's souvenir shops at a rate of one every two to three minutes. We wonder if Ken will take singing lessons to try and get his girl back.

Most Suitable for Deep Space

Last spring. "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry became part of the first-ever space burial when his ashes were blasted into orbit

aboard a U.S. rocket. Reaching Deep Space Nine isn't likely-within 10 years, the capsule containing his ashes will drop out of orbit.



Costliest Carnivore

A museum spent \$8.26 million dollars for Sue, the most complete fossilized skeleton of a T. rex ever found. Good thing she's dead-if she knew her worth, the shock would kill her!





Comics Craziness

Most Heroic Rescue

To shake things up, superhero creators tried out new versions of the Avengers, Fantastic Four, Captain America and Iron Man. Bad idea—readers got so confused that the original characters had to come back and rescue them.

Most Shocking New Outfit

Comics fans protested in super numbers when Superman got a new electric-blue costume. Why the new look? "Wouldn't you want to change your underwear after 60 years?" says DC executive editor Mike Carlin.

Secret World Secret Spies of Spies



#adventur

n the cloak-and-dagger world of spies, nothing is as it appears. Lipsticks turn into pistols, wristwatches conceal cameras—and danger always lurks nearby. To stay a step ahead of enemy agents, a successful spy needs brains, courage, luck...and some cool gadgets, of course. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: Turn the page!

Are you cut out for a career in espionage?
Our special spy manual contains the inside info you need to become a super secret agent.
Just follow these 10 tips of the trade, and you'll be on your way!



1) Use Your Head

Spies must be determined, resourceful and alert. But above all, a good agent needs plain common sense.

Russian spy Gordon Lonsdale is famous in spy circles for his carelessness. He thought he was too smart to get caught, but he did some really dumb things. Lonsdale always met fellow spies at the same place and time. (Dumb move No. 1!) In London, he often visited the house of the people who transmitted his spy reports to Moscow. (Dumb move No. 2!) And when suspicious authorities raided his own house, they

found loss of spy gear. (Dumb move No. 3!) In 1961, Lonsdale was sent to prison in Britain for 25 years.

2) Keep a Low Profile

The last thing a spy wants is to attract attention while on assignment. A secret agent must blend in with everybody else, especially behind enemy lines. See if you can head undercover and fool your friends with these disguise tips:

• A hat and a pair of sunglasses can help hide your face and change your overall appearance. You can also wear a wig or dye your hair a different color. All photographs on pages 44–47 have been reprinted from The Ultimate Spy Box

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3) Learn a Foreign Language

The greatest secret agents speak many different languages because they have to go undercover in countries around the world. If you want to become a spy, pick a few countries you'd like to work in. Then check out some language books from the library and learn to say: "Follow that car!"

4) Create a Cover

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A great spy needs a great covera job that gives you good reasons for being at a certain place at a certain time. Throughout history, creative spies have gone undercover with jobs such as traveling cheese peddlers, lacemakers, jukebox salesmen and reporters. These jobs allowed the spies to travel the country easily, picking up information without making anyone suspicious.

A smart spy needs to know what's

going on around her. During the Civil War, 18-vear-old Belle Boyd started spying for the Confederate Army after Union officers took over her family's house. The officers talked openly about their plans right in front of Belle because they never imagined she could cause them any trouble. But she did! Belle passed on the information she overheard to Southern officers. One time, she marched right through an artillery battle to meet General Stonewall Jackson himself. It didn't matter that bullets were flying—or that Belle's white apron and sunbonnet made her an easy target. She was on a mission.

Wear loose-fitting clothes or two layers to make yourself look heavier. Slump your shoulders forward to make vourself look shorter.

No spy wardrobe is complete without a pair of khaki pants. You can dress them up with a nice shirt or switch to the casual look with a T-shirtall without changing your pants.



6) Don't Double-Cross **Your Friends**

During World War I, German spies enlisted the help of a well-known dancer named Mata Hari. Her exotic shows attracted attention all over Europe, especially in Paris, where she made friends with French officers. Eager to impress her, Mata gave to the Germans.

But Mata knew little about the art of spying, and soon the French caught on to her act. Mata's punishment? Execution.

1 Zip Your Lies

Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, knew how to keep a secret. In 1704, he organized England's first real Secret Service.

Defoe hired spies for their intelligence and their ability to carry out instructions with great secrecy. The next time somebody tells you a secret—no matter how juicy—see how long you can keep it to yourself.

ij Always Know Your

Spies need to know their way around. So practice making maps of your home, school and neighborhood. Time how long it takes you to ride your bike from your house to your favorite hangout spot. Then find some alternate routes. That way, enemy-or at least that annoying kid who lives down the street.

9) Watch Out for Counterspies

How do you know if someone is spying on you? Let's say you suspect that your little brother has been snooping around your room. Here's one way to find out:

As you leave your room, hold a toothpick in place at an angle between the door and the doorjamb, about a foot or two from the floor. Then shut the door on the toothpick, snapping it in half. Pick up the piece that falls to the floor. The other half will remain stuck in the door.





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Now, if someone opens the door in your absence, the rest of the toothpick will fall to the floor, where you should find it when you return.

10) Get the Right Gadgets

Anti-Spy Phone This super tricky telephone detects bugs, taps and tape recorders. The indicator dial tells you if somebody is eavesdropping. Then you can turn the tables and feed that person all sorts of false info.

Camera Lighter This mini-camera looks like a cigarette lighter, but it also takes photos.

Telephone Voice Changer Disguise your voice with this gadget. Just attach it to your phone, choose between two different voice tones, and start talking.

Fountain Pen Transmitter This ordinary-looking pen lets your partner listen in on your conversations with the enemy from up to 100 feet away. (Plus, you can write with it!)

Spy Speak

If you're gonna be a spy, you gotta know the slang.

ALIAS. A fake name. "That spy always has an alias. One day he's John Doe, the next he's George Smith."

BIG DADDY. The National Security Agency. "That guy works for Big Daddy."

BUG. A secret electronic listening device. "Watch what you say. This building has a lot of bugs."

BURN. To reveal a spy's true identity. "If we can burn that agent, we'll crack the case."

COBBLER. Someone who makes fake passports. "We'll need to visit the cobbler before we leave the country."

COVER. A fake (but believable) identity. "John Doe's cover? He's a traveling salesman from North Dakota."

DEAD DROP. A secret hiding place to leave info for another agent. "When I break the code, I'll leave a note at the dead drop."

FUMIGATE. To rid a room of bugs. "Fumigate this place so we can talk in private."

MOLE. A spy employed by one agency while secretly working for another. "The enemy is on to us—ohmygosh, they must have a mole!"

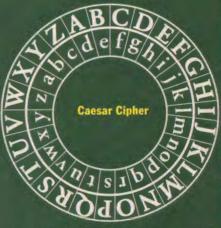
SHOE. A fake passport. "I picked up our shoes from the cobbler. Now let's go to the airport."

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ay what?! Your special contact has just handed you a message with a bunch of letters that make no sense at all. Duh-that's because it's written in secret code!

Cryptography—that's the scientific term for codes and ciphers—has been around at least 2,000 years. (The name comes from two Greek words: kryptos means "hidden" and graphein means "to write.") The Roman general Julius Caesar invented a secret code called the Caesar Cipher. He replaced each letter of the alphabet with the third letter after it, so that a=d, b=e, c=f...you get the idea.

To use this code, first write out the alphabet. Then below it, write out the alphabet again, only shifted a few spaces. (You can use any number of spaces you want.) For example, the words "enemy agent" read HQHPB DJHOW when written in Caesar Cipher. Now test your spy skill by decoding the



message at the top of this story. Then see if you are able to decode the secret tip running along the bottom of pages 44-49

With 26 letters and 10 numbers, you can create all kinds of codes and combinations. But remember, it's the electronic age: Computers can now crack



Secret CiphersTry cracking these other spy codes.

Zigzag Writing

It's just like it sounds—the first letter up, the second letter down, the third letter up, etc....So, to decode DSEAVNUE-INYDETRS, you would write the first part (before the hyphen) on one line and the second part (after the hyphen) underneath it, shifted slightly to the right. Then you would connect the letters with your pen. Try this now.

DSEAVNUE

Open Code

This kind of code doesn't look like a code at all—it seems like an ordinary message. Suppose a friend passes you a note in class like the one below. To decipher it, take the first letter of each sentence and put them together.

"Are you coming to basketball practice? Bob says you're feeling better. Our scrimmage yesterday was pretty good. Remember to bring my geography notes. That test is gonna be way hard. Maybe we can study tomorrow after school. If not, maybe Thursday. Say, you wanna go to that party Saturday? Sounds like it could be fun. Is your brother going? Oh, man—this class is putting me to sleep! Nobody could make history more boring than Mrs. Snodgrass."

a code in seconds by racing through all the possibilities. If the Romans had computers, Caesar's Cipher would have never stood a chance!

Green Outme Meet me at midnight.

Lesne code: Abort mission.

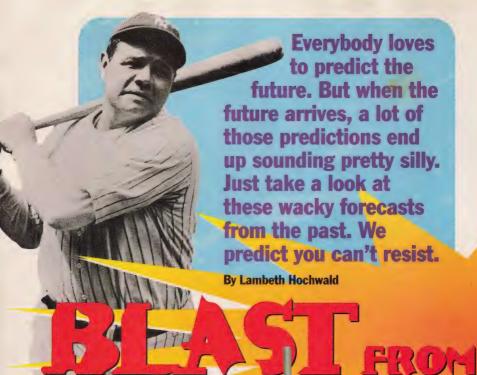
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Secret the Never let them see you sweat.

Trust no one; suspect everyone.

Watch your back and adventure on!

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"Babe Ruth made a great mistake when he gave up pitching. He might have become a great star."—Baseball player Tris Speaker, after Ruth switched to the outfield full-time in 1919

The Real Story: Some mistake! By the time he retired in 1935, the Babe had slammed 714 career home runs (a record that stood for almost 40 years). He even had a candy bar named after him.

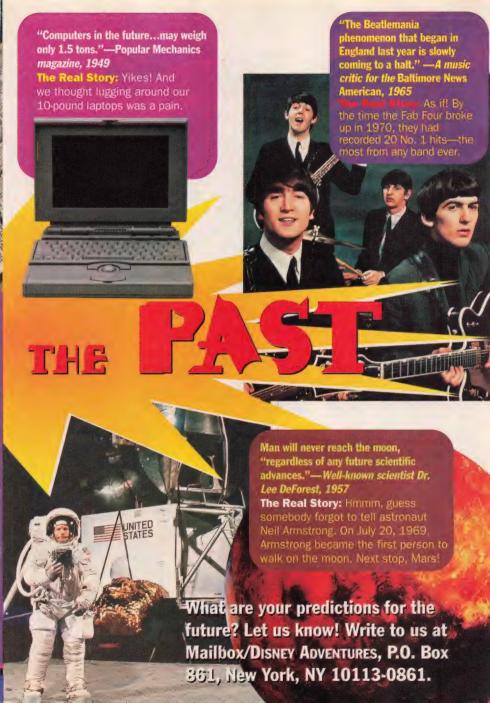


"The telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication."

—Officials at Western Union Telegraph Company after Alexander Graham
Bell invented the telephone in 1876

The Real Story: The 411 on phones? There are an estimated 240 million of 'em in the U.S.—plus another 50 million cellular phones.

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Brett Favre Says,

"This Holiday Season, Have a Ball...a Cap, or Madden 98!"



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Extremes

What's New at the Winter X Games

PLUS

Cool Sports Toys

Go with the snow—the Winter X Games are back! This year, they'll be more extreme than ever, thanks to three new and totally bizarre events.

By Phil Barber

Free Skiing

ox, you've seen ski races; Athletes swoosh down a mountain one at a time, and the fastest one wins. But this event has an X twist: Six racers blast down the slope—all at the same time. It's hard

enough to steer



To get the feel of this spor imagine inline skating in you favorite parking lot—after

he worst blizzard of the atures athletes with giboard attached to entury. Skiboarding each foot (above), Sliding around on

clear of trees, rocks

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ighlights From the 997 Games

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almer, who won two gold medalsone in snow mountain bike racing, Best all-around athlete: Shaun he other in snowboarding

wouldn't run one another off the

road or anything...would they? around the course. But they

The track gets pretty jammed with up to six riders scooting

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Competitors take a fast

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A look back at the sporting highlights—and lowlights of the past year. By Deborah Barnes and Sean Plottner



Veor

Tiger Woods, The prince of the links single-handedly made golf cool, especially with his stunning Masters victory.

Martina Hingis. The 16-year-old superathlete dominated

tennis, breezing through three of the four Grand Slam tournaments (Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the U.S. Open). And she made the French Open finals—even though she had just had knee surgery a few weeks before.

Welcome Back Award

Roger Gemens. Many figured the Toronto Blue Javs hurler was past his prime. But this season Roger the Rocket was the best pitcher in baseball.

Men Behaving Badly Award

Boxer Mike Tyson. After the "Bite of the Century," in which he nibbled off the top of Evander Holyfield's ear, he'll always be known as more chump than champ.

Athletes of the ! The Best Thing on Wheels

leff Cordon. With his movie-star looks and a cool car, he gets more endorsement offers than anyone in auto racing. Oh, and he wins a heck of a lot of races, too!







Worst Dressed

The Denver Broncos in their new uniforms. Those curvy stripes, or whatever

they are, look weird. And when the players line up and crouch, they look like a row of commas.

Best Race

Ken Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire slugged it out in a season-long pursuit of the home run record set by Roger Maris in 1961.

Rocket returned.



Quickest Leap to a Hall of Fame

Mario Lemieux. He retired from the Pittsburgh Penguins just last season. But the NHL waived its usual three-

year waiting period and elected him to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Biggest Crybaby

New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson. He complained about his team, his coach, his playing time—and even wrote a book to get a

bigger audience for his whining.

Best Do

Venus Williams.

The stuffy tennis world can't stop talking about her eye-boggling beads.

Best

Makeover

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Their old uniforms never

looked very tough. With new duds, the Bucs looked meaner and played better!

It's About Time Award

The WNBA. Women finally got their own big-time, monster-hyped, fan-packed pro basketball league.

Go-To Award

Michael Jordan. Always. When the game's on the line, when the pressure's on, there's no one else you'd rather have handling the rock.

Best Name

Peerless Price, wide receiver, University of Tennessee. When they named him, his parents must have known he'd grow up to be a flashy football star.

Best Nickname

Doctor "16V" Khumalo, Columbus Crew, Major League Soccer. The South African soccer superstar blows by his opponents like a car with a 16-valve engine.

Runner-up: Randy "the Freak" Moss, receiver, Marshall University.

His moves are so amazing, he's downright unnatural.

Best Moonlighter

Jackie Joyner-Kersee. She plansto retire in 1998, but last year she pulled double duty. She dashed past the competition in track events and also dribbled past opponents in the women's pro American Basketball League.

Worst Team

The Prairie View A&M Panthers, Prairie View, Texas. At presstime, the worst team in NCAA football had stretched its losing streak to 73

games. Yikes!

Best Uniform Number Jackie Robinson's

42. Baseball retired his number 50 years after he became the first African-American to play in the major leagues. No new player will ever wear it again.





Most Overrated Hideki Irabu.

The New York

Yankees signed this Japanese phenom for \$12.8 million, and what did they get? An "average pitcher," according to opposing batters.

Jerry went dow

Funniest Blooper

Deion Sanders, Cincinnati Reds.

When the leftfielder attempted to catch a fly ball in one game, it plopped him right on the noggin. Now that's using your head!

Most Painful Injury

Jerry Rice, receiver, San Francisco 49ers. When Rice got hurt in the first game of the season, football lost its greatest star for the whole year.

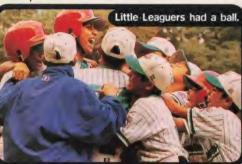


The Detroit Red Wings. The long-suffering Wings won the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Championship for the first time in 42 years.

Best Home Run

Cabriel Alvarez, the Little League World

Series Championship (our apologies to Mark McGuire and Ken Griffey Jr.), Alvarez broke up a no-hitter with a three-run blast in the sixth inning to lead his Guadalupe, Mexico, team to a championship win over Mission Viejo, California.



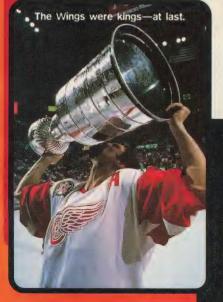
Who Cares? Award

Interleague baseball. It was mildly interesting back in June, but downright ho-hum by July.

Best Acrobat

Jim Edmunds, centerfielder, Anaheim Angels.

The often airborne Edmunds had a season of unbelievable diving catches and wall crashes. Sure, it's baseball, but this guy should wear football pads!



Whaddava Think?

We want to know what you think about our monthly ESPN Action section. If you write and tell us, you could be one of 25 lucky respondents who'll be selected at random to receive a cool, mini-football emblazoned with the ESPN Action and DISNEY ADVENTURES logos! Send to

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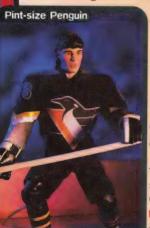
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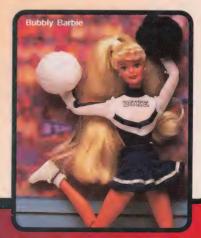
Cheers to Barbie

Who's got the most school spirit? Cheerleader Barbie. The do-it-all doll now comes

set to tumble and flip dressed in 19 different college colors, including those of nationally ranked schools like Penn State and the University of Tennessee. Just wait till you see her do splits!

Puck Patrol

 National Hockey League stars spring into action with Playmates' Pro Zone sports line. These action figures are big, too-so now you can have the likes of superstars Jaromir Jagr, Patrick Roy and Mark Messier face off against Barbie!



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By Deborah Barnes

Aon Long

Tis the season for toys. But will the goodies you get this year still be around next holiday season? Take our quiz to find out if you're a toy killer. For each item below, choose the answer that best describes your toy-keeping habits:

- a. still in its package, sitting on a shelf.
- b. under your bed somewhere.
- c. being used as a doorstop in the kitchen.

- a. ask a friend to take care of your Barbie while you're gone.
- b. leave Barbie alone in her vacation
- c. bring Barbie along and use her as a weapon during backseat fights with your brother.

- a. standing guard over your toy box.
- b. trapped behind enemy lines in your older brother's room.
- c. missing in action.

- a. set up once a year for the holidays and then carefully put away.
- b. used as public transit for your sister's dolls.
- c. scrap metal after numerous

- b. take it on some high-speed laps around your house.
- go off-roading in your backyard and bury it in a pile of dirt.

- a. still has hair-trigger accuracy.
- b. won't work without your "special"
- c. is a bundle of cords and wires.

- a. in a hallowed spot on your shelf.
- b, in the bushes, where it rolled after

c, being used for soccer, kickball and any other activity requiring

- a. the rooms are cleaner and neater than your own bedroom.
- b. furniture from the bathroom and kitchen is often used in the living
- c. everyone sits, sleeps and eats on the floor because you lost the furniture ages ago.

Cive yourself to points for every A answer, I point for a round object. then add up your score. 0-5 points: Are you playing with your toys or just looking at them? 6-12: Your toy motto is 13-16: In the toy world, you're known as the Toy-minutor.

COOL Stuff

Your gotta-have-it guide

GO, JOE!

Millions of kids and collectors can't be wrong—G.I. Joe is the "Real American Hero" of the action figure world! Read on for the highlights of his 33-year career as America's top military toy.

1964

G.I. Joe debuts as the world's first action figure. He stands 11½ inches tall and boasts 21 moving parts and lifelike hair.



Joe shrinks to a new eight-inch size as "Super Joe" blasts into space to defend the universe.

1982

G.I. Joe hits
the battlefield
at just
under
four inches
tall—the action figure size
we've since come to
know, love and lose in our
messy rooms.



Joe turns 30! To celebrate,

"G.I. Joe 30th Salute"

collectible figures are
released in
3%-inch and
12-inch sizes.
Fewer than 10,000
12-inch AfricanAmerican soldiers are
produced, making it the most

wanted figure in this series.

1995-1996

To collect or play?
Now it's easier to decide. Ultra-buff "G.I. Joe Extreme" figures—designed for play—stand 5½ inches. Collectors go for "G.I. Joe Classic" (left) 12-inch figures.

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1970

The G.I. Joe Adventur Team forms with the introduction of five new figures-Air Adventurer: Land Adventurer, Sea Adventurer, Africanand Talking Adventure. Team Commanderto assist Joe.



1983

Boo! Hiss! Destro. Joe's biggest enemy, debuts and becomes one of the hottest toys of the year.



1991-1992

The first 12-inch G.I. Joe figures since the 1970s are tested and a shipment of 80,000 figures sells out on the first weekend! The "Hall of Fame" Collection soon reintroduces the 12-inch action figure to the rest of the world.

1997

military officer the "G.I. loe Classic Collection as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot. Her assignment? To fly into the heat of battle and transport wounded soldiers to safety.

Did You Know...

K G.I. Joe got his name from the 1945 movie The Story of G.I. Joe.

Tro wrestler Sergeant Slaughter was the first real person to become a figure in the G.I. Joe collection. Other humans turned into figures include William "The Refrigerator" Perry of the Chicago Bears and General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The most expensive G.I. Joe on the collector's market isn't even a Joe-it's the 1967 G.I. Nurse with the white medic bag, worth \$3,800!



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Anastasia to her grandmother, the Dowager Empress.

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Wayne's World

RANGE

Hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky has so many cool moves, he often leaves opponents frozen on the ice. But D.A. caught up with the Great One to get the inside story on the new Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey.

How did you help create this game?

"I made sure it's realistic so kids feel like they're part of the NHL. The creators filmed me and some friends in a studio performing different moves. We were digitized and put directly into the game."

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The NHL's all-time leading scorer gets into the action on Nintendo 64 and PlayStation platforms.

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TECHNOMANIA Tune in, turn on, get wired

That sounds painful!

"Nah. That means instead of hockey uniforms, we wore bodysuits covered with special sensors to record our moves in 3-D. Illustrators later made the players look real."

Will this game help make someone a better real-life hockey player?

"It won't make you a better skater or shooter, but it will help you understand game strategy. You have to know the players and what they can do."

Can you beat Wayne Gretzky on-screen?

"No. I'm not used to video games—I have trouble with the joystick and using both thumbs at the same time. But my 7-year-old son, Ty, is a good video game player and can beat Wayne Gretzky on-screen any day."

What do you want to read about in Technomania? E-mail us at DAWired@aol.com

Play Like a Pro

Turn yourself into an on-screen version of the Great One with these tips from the game's makers.

After the opening face-off, take the first shot from your opponent's blue line. This will give you a superquick start and a great chance for a rebound. You may even score!

When skating with the puck, make your passes close to the net. This will put your teammates in a better position to score and give the opposing goalie less time to react.

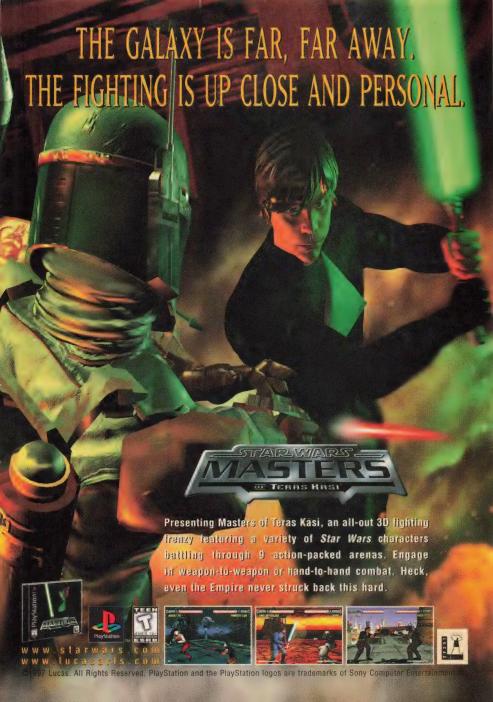
When you see the "Power Shot" icon, shoot from right in front of the net. If you score, the goalie falls backward and the net drops on top of him. If you score from the wing, the net bursts into flames.

What's the best way to keep the other team from scoring? Stop six shots in a row and your goalie turns into a brick wall!

--- Jason R. Rich and Craig Warner



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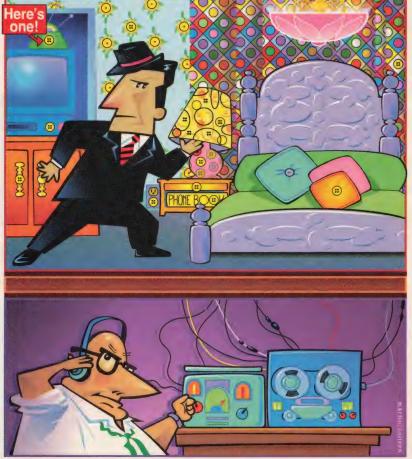
Peanuts aren't nuts

they're beans

Puzzles



Super Duper Quadruple Agent Jim Bondo must phone headquarters with the secret plan to thwart evil-but first he must locate and disconnect every microphone that Komrade Von Stinky has hidden in his hotel room. Can you help find all 10 microphones?



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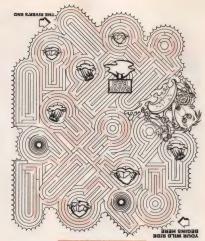
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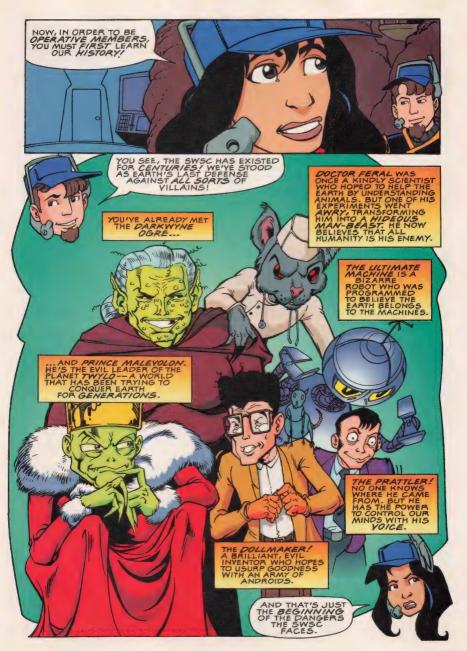
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